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## BOOK NOTES AND REVIEWS

TURKINGTON, GRACE. *MY COUNTRY: A TEXT-BOOK IN CIVICS AND PATRIOTISM*. Illustrated. 12 mo. VI + 374 pages. Ginn and Co. 1918. Price, 96 cents.

The old-fashioned text-book on "civil government" so widely used a decade ago dealt with our political structure in a mechanical way that killed, rather than quickened, the pupil's interest in civic affairs, to say nothing of its leaving practically untouched the social and economic foundations upon which our political structure rests. It approached the subject from the point of view of the adult mind—the lawyer's point of view, as a rule—rather than from that of the pupil or the teacher, and consequently it was cluttered up with legal phrases and technicalities that the immature mind could not understand. Here is where most of the old writers on questions of citizenship and patriotism failed, and we are today the poorer because of their failure.

Happily the new books now appearing in goodly number approach the subject from a saner, simpler view-point—that of the child's—the citizen's—relation to his associates, his community, his state, his Nation. By simple, direct, inspiring talks and illustrations the author and the teacher now undertake to quicken the pupil's interest in the affairs of the community and the country, to awaken in him an enthusiasm for good citizenship, and to lead him into an intelligent understanding and appreciation of his relation to his fellows—whether they live in his immediate neighborhood or two thousand miles away. Thus is he led to see how his own acts, and attitudes, and achievements have a direct bearing upon the common good—upon his community and his country. Text-books that approach the subject in this way not only lighten the difficulties of both teacher and pupil: they contribute immensely to a saner and a more robust patriotism. Such a book is Turkington's *My Country*. In the writer's opinion it takes rank with the very best text-books on this subject yet produced for the upper grammar grades and for junior high school classes.—N. W. W.

ALLEN, CLIFFORD G. *FABULAS Y CUENTOS*. Illustrated. VIII + 180 pages. Price, 88 cents. World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y.

This is a very easy reader for beginners in Spanish. It consists largely of a Spanish version of Aesop's Fables taken from an old translation, the *Libro del Ysopo*. The text is particularly valuable as a basis for oral exercises, because the student has only to deal

with the grammatical difficulties as the content is known to him. Three selections from modern authors complete the text. Questions on each exercise, notes on grammatical difficulties and a vocabulary increase the value of this text for beginning classes.

REYNOLDS, A. B. *LATIN READER*. Illustrated. 373 pages. Price, \$1.20. D. C. Heath & Company.

This is a unique book. It is unique in its choice of subject matter, in its stories of nature, history, biography, Roman life—stories easy enough for sight-reading in first year Latin. It makes easy the passage from the beginner's book to the successful reading of second year Latin. It does this by stressing the vocabulary and syntax illustrated in the earlier part of the second year work. The author has provided it with a store of necessary information, opportunity for drill and practical application of new facts and principles being taught.

LIPPITT, LOUISA C., R. N. *PERSONAL HYGIENE AND HOME NURSING: A PRACTICAL TEXT FOR GIRLS AND WOMEN FOR HOME AND SCHOOL USE*. Illustrated. VII + 256 pages. Price, \$1.28. The World Book Company, Yonkers-on-Hudson, N. Y.

The purpose of Miss Lippitt's text-book is to explain the means by which girls and women may attain health and happiness in the present and lay the foundations for sane and vigorous lives in after years. In clearest terms it lays down practical instructions for the conduct of their daily lives. Not only are the rules set out, but the reasons which underlie them are made clear. Directions are given for preventing the spread of infection from cases of communicable disease; and instructions are furnished for the care of one's self and one's family in cases of accident or sickness. The author has given adequate treatment to the ideas that she considers most helpful to lay-readers, but she has taken pains not to go too deeply into the scientific aspects of any subject. She has desired to keep the book rather brief and for this reason has introduced only those topics on which women and girls seem particularly to need instruction.

LUPOLD, HENRY S. *INTRODUCTION TO LATIN*. Illustrated. 122 pages. Price, 52 cents. D. C. Heath & Company.

This is a book for the use of pupils in the grammar schools. It is based upon seven years' successful experience in teaching Latin to seventh-grade pupils. The work is based on English and the relations of Latin to English. Through its aid the pupil learns the